

Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 31, 2009.

I. Summary of Restriction Requirement

Prior to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 31, 2009, Claims 1, 2, 5-9, 12, 13, 16-20, 29 and 30 were pending in the Application. In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner restricted the claims to the following patentably distinct species:

Species A, as disclosed in Figure 8.

Species B, as disclosed in Figure 9.

II. Summary of Applicant's Amendments

The present Response elects Species B to be examined. Reconsideration of the Application in light of this election is respectfully requested.

III. Election of Invention

Applicant hereby elects Species B, as disclosed in Figure 9, for consideration. The claims which read on Species B include Claims 1, 2, 5-9, 12, 13, 16-20, 29 and 30 and thus consideration thereof is respectfully requested.

Applicant acknowledges that the claims will be restricted to a single species if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner with respect to the statement that no claims are currently generic to both species. In any event, Applicant respectfully reserves the right to prosecute the claims directed solely to any nonelected species in a continuing or separate application.

IV. Conclusion

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and consideration thereof is respectfully requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned should he have any inquiries.

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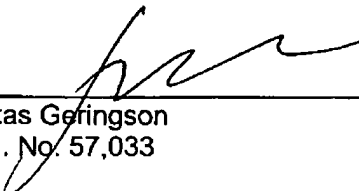
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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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